

Executive Order 2005-10

**TO PROVIDE MONEYS FROM THE HEALTH CRISIS FUND TO HELP CONTROL
EMERGING ROCKY MOUNTAIN SPOTTED FEVER INFECTIONS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-797, the Legislature has established the Health Crisis Fund authorizing the Governor to approve specific liabilities and expenditures in order to respond to a health crisis or a significant potential for a health crisis; and

WHEREAS, Rocky Mountain spotted fever is a severe and potentially lethal disease that has already caused two deaths of children in Arizona in 2003 and 2004; and

WHEREAS, the number of Rocky Mountain spotted fever cases has increased considerably from seven cases in ten years (1994-2003) to fourteen cases in 2004 alone, primarily affecting the White Mountain Apache Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has recently concluded that the threat posed by Rocky Mountain spotted fever is expected to increase and expand to other areas because of severe tick infestations in the affected areas and a growing number of stray dogs that contribute to spreading the vector ticks; and

WHEREAS, the public health threat posed by Rocky Mountain spotted fever can be reduced through joint efforts with tribal and federal agencies to develop and implement a plan to increase public awareness on tick control practices, the role of dogs in spreading ticks that transmit the disease, and prevention of tick bites; and

WHEREAS, efforts to control Rocky Mountain spotted fever are neither a contingency nor an emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 35-192 because they require neither state-municipal resource coordination nor Department of Emergency and Military Affairs assistance;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Arizona Constitution and the laws of the State, declare a significant potential for a health crisis in this State and hereby order as follows:

1. The Health Crisis Fund, as established pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-797, is authorized to transfer the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to the Department of Health Services for use in combating Rocky Mountain spotted fever.
2. The Department of Health services shall expend all moneys transferred pursuant to this Order on measures to reduce the spread and threat posed by Rocky Mountain spotted fever in Arizona and shall report to the Legislature and the Governor by December 31, 2005 on the expenditures of all sums so transferred.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.


GOVERNOR

Signed at the Capitol in Phoenix this ____ day of April
Two Thousand Five and of the Independence of the United
States of America the Two Hundred and Twenty-Ninth.

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE

